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"Eastern Ohio has a proud steel history, and this bill is incredibly important to ensure the long-term health of local steel and our local steel workers," said Wilson.

Specifically, HR 1126:

— supports steel related research with **\$12 million in funding over five years**

— maintains and advances U.S. manufacturing competitiveness

— helps reduce dependence on foreign oil

— improves the environmental performance of U.S. made steel and aluminum

"This all comes down to jobs for our working families," said Wilson, an executive board member of the Congressional Steel Caucus. "No issue matters more for eastern Ohio, and I will continue to work for policies that put our economy back on the right track."

HR 1126 is supported by the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI). Members of the AISI include Wheeling-Pittsburgh and Mittal Steel USA.